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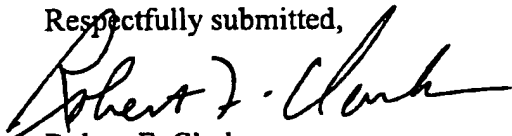
REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 5 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,103,392 in view of Jech et al. and Plewes et al.. The Applicants are submitting a terminal disclaimer concurrently herewith to obviate this rejection.

The Examiner has already indicated that claims 6-9 and 18-22 are allowable and that claims 3-4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. However, since the enclosed terminal disclaimer obviates the rejection of claims 1, 2 and 5, the Applicants respectfully assert that claims 3-4 are now allowable without being rewritten in independent form.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the Examiner's rejections have been overcome and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

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